

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
OKANO et al. )  
Application Number: To Be Assigned )  
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For: CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR AND SAMPLE )  
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of June 23, 1999, the filing date of the national entry of PCT/JP99/03341.

Respectfully submitted,

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